

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Attorney Docket No: 38331-0002

Applicants: Akira TSUBOKURA *et al.*  
Application No.: To be assigned  
Filing Date: May 23, 2001  
Title: A PIGMENT-CONTAINING SUBSTANCE FOR FEED  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Director of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 12, at the end of the specification, delete the Sequence Listing filed with the application and insert the Sequence Listing submitted concurrently herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The pigment-containing substance for feed additives according to claim 1, characterized in that a DNA nucleotide sequence corresponding to 16S ribosomal RNA of the microorganism in the microorganism culture precipitate has at least 98% homology with the nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.